APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A.	REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (,	JD)
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B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: SAW, NC Turnpike Authority/R-2635/Western Wake Freeway, 2007-02903

C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Western Wake Freeway R-2635, P 11, WL 44 State: NC County/parish/borough: Wake City: Cary Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 35.75079° N, Long. 78.88898° W.
	Universal Transverse Mercator: Name of nearest waterbody: Reedy Branch
	Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: Jordan Lake Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 03030002
	Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request. Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.
D.	REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): ☐ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: 12/28/2007 ☐ Field Determination. Date(s): 11/30/2006
	CTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
	re Are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the ew area. [Required] Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.
	Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain:
В. (CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.
The	re Are "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]
	 Waters of the U.S. a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): ¹ TNWs, including territorial seas Wetlands adjacent to TNWs
	Relatively permanent waters ² (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
	Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs
	Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs Impoundments of jurisdictional waters
	Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands
	b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area: Non-wetland waters: linear feet: width (ft) and/or 1.55 (Pond 11) acres. Wetlands: 0.35 acres.
	c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: 1987 Delineation Manual Elevation of established OHWM (if known):Not available.
	2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable): Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: .

¹ Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

² For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

³ Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1.	TNW Identify TNW:				
	Summarize rationale supporting determination:				

Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent":

CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under Rapanos have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: ~ 16 acres Drainage area: ~ 2 acres Average annual rainfall: 44.19 inches Average annual snowfall: 4.5 inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

(a) Relationship with TNW: ☐ Tributary flows directly into TNW. Tributary flows through 2 tributaries before entering TNW. Project waters are 20-25 river miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) river miles from RPW. Project waters are 10-15 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Project waters are 1 (or less) aerial (straight) miles from RPW. Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:

⁴ Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West

Identify flow route to TNW5: Pond (P 11), WL 44 is a fringe wetland at the head of P 11. P 11 does not have a stream entering, but does have an overflow channel near the southeast corner that may carry overflow during and immediately after storm events. Route to Jordan Lake is Reedy Branch, Beaver Creek, Jordan Lake. Tributary stream order, if known: Wetland/Pond at headwater of Reedy Branch (1st order). (b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply): Natural Tributary is: Artificial (man-made). Explain: Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: Pond at the top of watershed. **Tributary** properties with respect to top of bank (estimate): Average width: feet Average depth: feet Average side slopes: Pick List. Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply): **Sands** ⊠ Silts Concrete ☐ Cobbles ☐ Gravel Muck Bedrock ☐ Vegetation. Type/% cover: Other. Explain: decomposing organic matter. Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: Pond. Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: Pond. Tributary geometry: Pick List Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): gradient of slope down hill from pond ~ 2-4 % (c) Flow: Tributary provides for: Ephemeral flow Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: 11-20 Describe flow regime: Pond was visited several times, including during a significant rainfall event. No flow was observed exiting the pond before or during the rain event. Moderate flow was observed exiting the pond through a stormwater channel several days following a significant rainfall event. Other information on duration and volume: none available. Surface flow is: Discrete and confined. Characteristics: flow, when evident, is through a stormwater channel. Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings: Dye (or other) test performed: Tributary has (check all that apply): Bed and banks $\overline{\boxtimes}$ OHWM⁶ (check all indicators that apply): □ Clear, natural line impressed on the bank □ the presence of litter and debris changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation shelving the presence of wrack line vegetation matted down, bent, or absent sediment sorting leaf litter disturbed or washed away scour sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events water staining abrupt change in plant community other (list): Discontinuous OHWM. Explain: If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check all that apply): High Tide Line indicated by: Mean High Water Mark indicated by: oil or scum line along shore objects survey to available datum; fine shell or debris deposits (foreshore) physical markings; physical markings/characteristics vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.

⁵ Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

☐ tidal gauges ☐ other (list):

⁶A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

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(iii) Chemical Characteristics:

Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.). Explain: Pond 11, water appeared relatively clear, but contained moderate amounts of decomposing vegetative matter such as leaves and tree limbs.

Identify specific pollutants, if known: none known.

	(iv)		ogical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply): Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Wetland fringe. Characteristics: seep area at top end of P 11. Habitat for:
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
			☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: ☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
waterfow	/l, ter	restri	Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Expect a relatively diverse assemblage of sunfish within pond, al mammals.
2.	Cha	racto	eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW
	(i)		sical Characteristics:
		(a)	General Wetland Characteristics: Properties:
			Wetland size: 0.35 acres Wetland type. Explain: freshwater marsh, seepage area at top of P 11.
			Wetland quality. Explain: low quality (NCDWQ wetland rating of 38) small wetland seep with very small drainage
			ze and location at very tip of drainage area reduce water storage capcity reduce amount of runoof being filtered and life habitat.
		***************************************	Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain:
		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:
			Flow is: Intermittent flow. Explain: Freshwater seep feeds pond at the top of Reedy Branch Drainage area.
			Surface flow is: Overland sheetflow Characteristics: surface flow from wetland into P 11 is not contained within a channel.
			Subsurface flow: Unknown. Explain findings:
		(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
		,	☐ Directly abutting
			☐ Not directly abutting ☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain:
			☐ Ecological connection. Explain: ☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain:
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		(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are 10-15 river miles from TNW.
			Project waters are 5-10 aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Wetland to navigable waters.
			Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the 500-year or greater floodplain.
	(ii)	Che	mical Characteristics:
		Cha	racterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: wetland is at the top of the watershed, water appeared clear at time of site visit.
		Iden	tify specific pollutants, if known: none known.
50.5		Biol	ogical Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply): Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): forested wetland area on northern tip of P 11, Average width of
50-7	/5'.	\boxtimes	Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: forested with shrubs and trees, 50-60% cover. Habitat for:
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings: .
			☐ Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: ☐ Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings:
			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: frogs, other amphibians, terrestrial mammals.
3.	Cha	racto	eristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: 1

Approximately (0.35) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis.

For each wetland, specify the following:

<u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u> <u>Size (in acres)</u> <u>Directly abuts? (Y/N)</u> <u>Size (in acres)</u> 0.35

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed: Water storage, filtration, wildlife habitat, soil stabilization.

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D:
- 2. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: Pond and wetland are at the very top of the watershed of Reedy Creek. Pond is a perrenial water body that would be expected to support various assemblages of sunfish as well as aquatic invertebrates. These aquatic invertebrates provide food for various species of fish and wading birds such as great blue herons (observed on site) as well as provide the function of breaking down detritus and transfering organic carbon through the food web. It is likely that these aquatic inverebrates spend significant portions of their life cycles in the aquatic environment of the pond to later emerge as adults that could repopulate other water bodies down stream should an event occur that diminishes downstream population. This pond is the first of several in the watershed and as such is the first line of defense to store water during potential flood events and to trap pollutants before they have a chance to enter Reedy Branch and eventually Jordan Lake. The pond is hadrologically connected to the next pond downslope via an ephemeral channel. Subsequent ponds are connected through pipe culverts as well as overland flow.
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

D.	DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL
	THAT APPLY):

1.	TNWs and Adj	acent Wetlands.	Check all that a	apply and provide si	ze estimates in review area:
	TNWs:	linear feet	width (ft), Or,	acres.	
	Wetlands ad	jacent to TNWs:	acres.		

2.	 RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: .
3.	Non-RPWs ⁸ that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. ☑ Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: Pond 1.55 acres. Identify type(s) of waters:
4.	Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW: Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally." Provide data indicating that tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationale indicating that wetland is directly abutting an RPW:
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
5.	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisidictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: acres.
6.	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs. Wetlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the tributary to which they are adjacent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: 0.35 acres.
7.	As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional. Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or Demonstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (1-6), or Demonstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).

E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): 10

⁸See Footnote # 3.

⁹ To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.

	which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purposes. from which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce. which are or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Interstate isolated waters. Explain: Other factors. Explain:
	Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): Tributary waters: linear feet width (ft). Other non-wetland waters: acres. Identify type(s) of waters: Wetlands: acres.
F.	NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY): If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements. Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce. Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based solely on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR). Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain: Other: (explain, if not covered above):
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: . Wetlands: acres.
	Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply): Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams): linear feet, width (ft). Lakes/ponds: acres. Other non-wetland waters: acres. List type of aquatic resource: . Wetlands: acres.
SE	CTION IV: DATA SOURCES.
	SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below): Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant: "Jurisdictional Waters and Ponds" depicted on 1:24,000 USGS quad. Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report. Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report. Data sheets prepared by the Corps: Corps navigable waters' study: U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas: USGS NHD data. USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps. U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:1:24000, Green Level, NC. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Cawthorn, Joel. 1970. Soil Survey of Wake County, North Carolina. United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, now Natural Resource Conservation Service. Raleigh, NC. National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
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 $^{^{10}}$ Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA $\it Memorandum~Regarding~CWA~Act~Jurisdiction~Following~Rapanos.$

	FEMA/FIRM maps: .
	100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodectic Vertical Datum of 1929)
	Photographs: Aerial (Name & Date):
	or ☐ Other (Name & Date): .
	Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter: .
	Applicable/supporting case law: .
	Applicable/supporting scientific literature: .
\boxtimes	Other information (please specify): ARCADIS field evaluations performed April 2001, October 2006.

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: This site is a pond created at the upper end of a natural drainage feature. The origin (reason it was created) of the pond is not known.